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Fall ballot almost set

Except for a handful of primaries, the races are on in the Nov. 3 general election after submission of nomination papers.

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St. Clare Hospital in Oconto Falls reminds patients to come to the emergency room when needed, COVID crisis or not.

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Gillett Secondary School hires Russ Young as its next boys basketball coach.

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Board reviews issues regarding reopening schools in the fall

Parent letters object to masks, social distancing

By **WARREN BLUHM**
News Editor

OCONTO FALLS — A couple of Oconto Falls parents have expressed concern about the prospect of reopening school with students in masks and required to stay 6 feet apart from each other.

“There is no justification for not opening school in typical fashion come fall,” Carrie Pagel wrote in a letter read at the beginning of Monday’s Oconto Falls School Board meeting, citing statistics that show the COVID-19 virus has not seriously affected children or adults younger than 40. “We should focus our efforts on coming up with common-sense solutions for safe alternative education for the few students that may need it, and the few staff with personal concerns could take personal safety precautions as they see fit or ask for a different job description.”

Parents should be the ones who decide if they need to take extra precautions to guard their children’s health and safety and make decisions accordingly, Pagel said.

“I have talked with many parents in our district and have heard a great number of them say, ‘If masks are required in the fall, I will not be sending my kids back to public school,’” Pagel said. “This worries me, as I believe public education is an important component to a society that gives a fair opportunity to all people, no matter their gender, race or health status.”

The current Centers for Disease Control guidelines for reopening schools in the fall, with masks,

distancing, “fear-mongering signage” and many other restrictions, could do lasting damage to children’s mental and emotional well-being, she said.

Another parent, Carol Schultz, said the idea that children will stay 6 feet apart is “ridiculous” and questioned how the school district could manage and enforce the rule.

“I work in the lunchroom; I watch how just getting them through that process is difficult,” Schultz wrote. “Now add in 6 feet. ‘Don’t touch this, don’t stand by your friends,’ kids just getting yelled at all day? The idea is asinine. I want my kids safe, I want the community safe, I also want to hear realistic ideas.”

The meeting was held via Zoom video-conferencing technology because of ongoing concerns about COVID-19.

Superintendent Dean Hess said every school district is going to have to decide its own interpretation of guidance from the CDC and state Department of Public Instruction for protecting the health and safety of students and teachers.

The advice regarding wearing of masks, for example, ranges from wearing them all the time to their not being necessary especially if you maintain distance, Hess said.

“Here’s the other piece: You have to ask the question if you put things in place, how do you police that?” he added. “How realistic is it that you’re going to have students ages 4-17 wearing those masks all the time, and when they don’t wear them, what are you going to do about that?”

With data coming in every day, everything may change in the next 30 days, Hess said.

At this point the district is not requiring staff and visitors to wear masks unless they need to work in close proximity, he said. He said he hopes to get planning help from administrators, staff and parents and

come up with guidelines by midsummer.

It’s still possible that reopening school this fall will have some kind of virtual component, Hess said. Although school buildings were closed, teaching and learning continued online through the end of the school year. Technology upgrades authorized and implemented after a 2016 referendum helped that process run smoothly, he said.

In other developments related to coronavirus, Hess announced that the 2020 high school musical has been postponed. A musical is usually staged every other fall, with the planning process underway during the spring and summer, and the state-imposed school building closures have affected that process. Moving the musical to spring 2021 proved unfeasible, so the show was delayed a full year.

After much discussion Monday, the School Board reached a consensus to survey the Class of 2020 to gauge interest in an in-person graduation ceremony on a Sunday afternoon in July or early August.

High school principal Jake Beschta said the options include a limited-invitation (four seats per graduate) ceremony in the fieldhouse or ST Paper Stadium, with social distancing precautions, a drive-by ceremony in the high school parking lot with students emerging from their cars to accept their diplomas, or holding some sort of recognition ceremony during the 2020-21 school year, probably during the winter season between semesters when college freshmen come home.

Hess said a fieldhouse ceremony offers the best options for distancing because the big room has multiple entrances, while the football stadium presents bottleneck issues.

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CAROL SCHULTZ, Oconto Falls School District parent

CORRECTIONS

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Oconto County's fall election races shaping up

4 primary elections Aug. 11 will set stage for November

By NEW MEDIA STAFF

MADISON — A handful of partisan primaries will be held in August to set the final fall election ballot, but for the most part the races were established when the deadline for submitting nomination papers passed on June 1.

The presidential election at the top of the ballot is the main state-wide race. Both of Wisconsin's U.S. senators are in the middle of their six-year terms; Sen. Ron Johnson's current term runs through 2022 and Sen. Tammy Baldwin through 2024.

Races affecting Oconto County include U.S. Rep. Mike Gallagher's bid for a third two-year term. The Green Bay Republican is challenged by state Rep. Amanda Stuck, D-Appleton, who has been in the state Assembly since 2015.

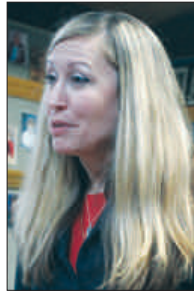
Four candidates are running unopposed for county-level positions, including incumbent Oconto County District Attorney Ed Burke. County Clerk Kim Pytleski and Treasurer Tanya Peterson are running for re-election, while Deputy Register of Deeds Laurie Wusterbarth is running for the top post after Annette Behringer declined to seek a new four-year term in office.

A two-way race emerged in the race to succeed U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany, who gave up his 12th Senate District to run in a special election in May. State Rep. Mary Czaja-Felzkowski, R-Irma, faces Democrat Ed Vocke, a farmer from Minocqua. The district includes Gillett, Lena, Oconto Falls, Suring and the towns of Bagley, Brazeau, Breed, Chase, Doty, Gillett, How, Lakewood, Lena, Maple Valley, Morgan, Mountain, Oconto Falls, Riverview, Spruce, Townsend and Underhill.

Assembly Rep. Jeff Mursau, R-



MIKE GALLAGHER



AMANDA STUCK

Crivitz, who represents the Oconto County portion of the 12th District, is unopposed for election to his ninth two-year term.

Two Democrats and one Republican will vie for the 30th Senate District seat that Sen. Dave Hansen has held for the past 20 years. Hansen's nephew, Jonathon Hansen of De Pere, and Sandra Ewald of Green Bay will be on the Aug. 11 Democratic primary ballot.

The primary winner will face Eric Wimberger, a Green Bay Republican, in the Nov. 3 general election.

State Rep. John Nygren, R-Marinette, will have a Republican primary opponent in his quest for an eighth two-year term serving the 89th Assembly District. Andi Rich of Marinette has also registered as a GOP candidate.

The winner on Aug. 11 will face Karl Jaeger of Marinette in the general election.

The 89th District, and that part of the 30th Senate District that crosses Oconto County, includes the city of Oconto and the towns of Abrams, Little River, Little Suamico, Pensaukee, and Stiles.

Oconto County has a tiny swath of one other district. Ward 5 in the village of Pulaski is part of the 2nd Senate District and the 6th Assembly District.

State Sen. Robert Cowles, R-Green Bay, is unopposed for re-election, and state Rep. Gary Tauchen, R-Bonduel, has two Democratic opponents.

Simon Moesch and Richard Sarnick, both of Shawano, will vie for Tauchen's seat in the Aug. 11 primary.

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Deputies logged 52 incidents, including the following:
Noise disturbance — reported in the the 200 block of East Armstrong Street, Gillett, 4:21 a.m.

Internet Crimes Against Children — reported at an address in Chase, 11:12 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 4000 block of County Road J, Little River, 12:25 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 500 block of Hoganwood Circle, Little Suamico, 3:02 p.m.

Suspicious — reported near Island Lake Road and Hagen Lake Lane, Riverview, 10:57 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to an accident along Holiday Inn Road, Spruce, 6:03 p.m.; and logged three deer-related crashes and a bear-related crash.

Deputies logged 49 incidents, including the following:

Property damage — reported at Nicolet Plastics, 16685 State Highway 32, Riverview, 9:47 a.m.

Disturbance — reported near County Road I and Grasse Road, Stiles, 10:27 a.m.

Internet Crimes Against Children — reported at an address in Lakewood, 3:08 p.m.

Suspicious — reported along Lee Lake Park Lane, Brazeau, 6:09 p.m.

Automobile theft — reported in the 6000 block of Lower Road, Sobieski, 8 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 200 block of East Railroad Street, Gillett, 9:03 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 6000 block of state Highway 32, Gillett, 10 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of County Road I, Stiles, 11:04 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged five deer-related crashes.

Deputies logged 45 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported in the 14000 block of state Highway 32-64, Mountain, 9:21 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 18000 block of Rose Lake Road, Doty, 9:35 a.m.

Fraud — reported in the 3000 block of Logtown Road, Oconto, 10:24 a.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 9000 block of St. Bernadette Road, Spruce, 11:54 a.m.

Noise disturbance — reported along Bachman Road, Mountain, 12:51 p.m.

Harassment — reported in the 6000 block of County Road A, Lena, 2:50 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported near the Machickanee Shooting Range, Garrity Road, Morgan, 6:22 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 8000 block of Busy Nook Road, Oconto Falls, 11:28 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 14000 block of state Highway 32-64, Mountain, 11:43 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a property-damage crash near U.S. 41 and Frog Pond Road, Oconto, 3:49 a.m.; and a fatal traffic accident near U.S. 41 and County Road A, Little River, 7:54 p.m.; and logged one deer-related accident and a vehicle-bear collision.

Ambulance — Three ambulance calls were received.

Deputies logged 48 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 17000 block of Bridge Lane, Townsend, 9:03 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 200 block of Farnsworth Avenue, Oconto, 9:44 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 18000 block of Pickerel Lake Road, Townsend, 9:47 a.m.

Theft — reported in the 5000 block of Old 22 Road, Gillett, 11:06 a.m.

Tree down — reported near state Highway 32 and Maiden Lake Road, Riverview, 12:41 p.m.

Internet Crimes Against Children — reported at an address in the town of Chase 3:26 p.m.

Weapon offense — reported in the 2000 block of Delcore Road, Oconto, 4:31 p.m.

Theft — reported in the 100 block of South Jackson Street, Suring, 5:30 p.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 11000 block of Tracey Lane, Riverview, 10:47 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged six deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

Deputies logged 39 incidents, including the following:

Weapon offense — reported along Hidden Lake Lane, Lakewood, 10:12 a.m.

Weapon offense — reported near the Machickanee Shooting Range, 3490 Garrity Road, Morgan, 2:30 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to

a property-damage crash near County Roads G and M, Spruce, 2:47 a.m.; and a property-damage accident at the Lena Dairy Barn, 414 E. Main St., Lena, 4:31 p.m.; and logged two deer-related crashes.

Deputies logged 67 incidents, including the following:

Suspicious — reported in the 11000 block of Laura Lane, Riverview, 1:35 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 7000 block of Splinter Creek Lane, Oconto Falls, 4:51 a.m.

Disturbance — reported near Smyth and Peek roads, Lakewood, 7:37 a.m.

Trespassing — reported in the 4000 block of Rosewood Court, Little Suamico, 8:18 a.m.

Noise disturbance — reported near County Roads C and CC, Oconto Falls, 1:03 p.m.

Weapon offense — reported in the 900 block of Eagle Drive, Sobieski, 3:50 p.m.

Underage alcohol — reported at an address in the town of Brazeau, 5:28 p.m.

ATV accident — reported near Blue Spruce and Mountain Lake roads, Doty, 5:49 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 9400 block of St. Bernadette Road, Spruce, 6:41 p.m.

Wanted person — reported along County Road VV, Underhill, 7:27 p.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 13000 block of state Highway 64, Mountain, 7:51 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 700 block of Lilac Road, Little Suamico, 8:25 p.m.

Disturbance — reported along Allied Court, Oconto, 10:56 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged one deer-related crash.

Deputies logged 55 incidents, including the following:

Disturbance — reported along Huron Avenue, Oconto, 2:06 a.m.

Noise disturbance — reported in the 6000 block of Wintergreen Trail, Little Suamico, 5 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 800 block of South Main Street, Oconto Falls, 6:47 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — at Apple Creek Whitetails, 14109 County Road VV, Underhill, 7:54 a.m.

Controlled-burn fire — in the 6000 block of Military Road, Stiles, 11:20 a.m.

Unwanted party — reported in the 5600 block of Business 41, Oconto, 1:05 p.m.

Theft — reported near County Road J and U.S. 41, Pensaukee, 1:18 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 3000 block of Morgan Marsh Road, Morgan, 3:35 p.m.

Wanted person — reported in the 600 block of East Frontage Road, Little Suamico, 4:32 p.m.

Fraud — reported in the 14000 block of Helen Lane, Mountain, 5:43 p.m.

Trespassing — reported in the 4000 block of Whipporwill Lane, Pensaukee, 6:20 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 2000 block of Monette Road, Pensaukee, 6:44 p.m.

Suspicious — reported in the 4000 block of Whipporwill Lane, Pensaukee, 9:24 p.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 2000 block of Woodward Street, Abrams, 10:09 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies logged three deer-related crashes.

Ambulance — One ambulance call was received.

Deputies logged 36 incidents, including the following:

Fire — reported near County Road G and Spring Hill Road, Gillett, 5:56 a.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 13000 block of Morgan Road, Underhill, 9:21 a.m.

Structure fire — reported in the 8000 block of County Road K, Spruce, 10:34 a.m.

Theft — reported at the Townsend Municipal Garage, 17937 Front St., Townsend, 1:10 p.m.

Tree down — reported near Liegeois Road and Whipporwill Lane, Pensaukee, 2:10 p.m.

Illegal burning — reported in the 5800 block of Duame Road, Stiles, 3:30 p.m.

Disturbance — reported in the 5000 block of Duame Road, Stiles, 3:46 p.m.

Animal bite — reported in the 9000 block of County Road CC, Morgan, 4:01 p.m.

Accidents — Deputies responded to a personal-injury crash near County Road ZZ and Section 8 Church Road, Brazeau, 1:19 a.m.; and logged one deer-related crash.

Ambulance — Five ambulance calls were received.

Curtis John Kohls, Gillett, and Maria Lynn Woosmann, Oconto Falls.

Christopher James Jonet and Andrea Marie Urban, Lakewood.

Carl John Tennie and Debby Gothe Boche, Gillett.

Rory James Lade and Stephanie Breanna Lemke, Oconto.

LITTLE RIVER — A Marinette man died after his motorcycle hit a deer Tuesday night, June 2, in Oconto County.

According to the Oconto County Sheriff's Office, Troy R. Hruska, 50,

and his passenger, a 15-year-old girl also from Marinette, were north-bound on U.S. 41 near County Road A around 7:54 p.m. when the vehicle struck a deer. Both were thrown from the cycle.

The two riders were taken to

St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, where Hruska, who was not wearing a helmet, died a short time later of his injuries. The girl was wearing a helmet, and although her injuries were described as serious, they were not considered life-threatening.

AREA BRIEFS —

Flag retirement ceremony planned Monday

OCONTO FALLS — Boy Scout Troop 1024 will be holding a flag retirement at 6 p.m. Monday, June 15, at Camp Elliott, County Road I, Oconto Falls.

Area residents who have a flag to be retired may bring it to the retirement ceremony or use the drop box at Witt's Piggly Wiggly.

Bring your own chair and mosquito repellent. All are welcome.

Stiles Rummage Hall opens for summer

STILES — The Rummage Hall at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Stiles opened for the summer Wednesday, June 3.

The two-story structure is open 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, usually from early May through the end of September, but this year's opening was delayed because of COVID-19 concerns.

Proceeds from the weekly sales support church programs.



The Suring High School Class of 2020 students were, in alphabetical order, Claire Anderson, Duncan Breed, Jaden Bubolz, Jayden Geniesse, Dominic Giuliani, Justin Hensel, Ava Hill, Ethan Hischke, Stephanie Huth, Kaiah Largo, Bryce Losurdo, Chad McVeigh, Emerald Otradovec, Sapphire Otradovec, Preston Pence, James Ponton, Kyleigh Ryan, Madelyn School, Tony Schuchardt, Dequez Sepulveda, Dalton Stewart, Logan Stuart, Jaydin Sturm, Michael Van Den Elzen and Josh Zilkoske.

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Car parade celebrates Suring Class of 2020

The Bay at Suring recognized Suring High School graduating seniors with a car parade May 23.

Suring fire and police departments and American Legion led the parade of cars decorated by graduating students, The Bay and their families.

Suring residents and families lined the parade route to cheer for the seniors.

The Bay at Suring and Suring High School teachers distributed gift bags to each graduating senior. All gift bags contained donations collected by area businesses and Heartland Hospice.

The Bay at Suring extended gratitude to businesses that donated to make the Class of 2020's graduation a memorable one.

OCONTO COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

Proceedings of June 2

Bond was set at \$10,000 cash for Mitchell Lawrence Walsh, 25, Oconto, after he was charged with bail jumping and misdemeanor disorderly conduct with a dangerous weapon, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred May 29. His initial appearance was adjourned until June 11.

Proceedings of June 1

Adam J. Julius, 20, Oconto Falls, pleaded guilty to battery by prisoners, in connection with an incident that occurred June 9, 2019. A second battery by prisoners charge, involving a Feb. 23 incident, was dismissed but read into the record. Judge Michael T. Judge scheduled sentencing for Aug. 3 and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

An Oct. 27 jury trial was scheduled for Colton Duwayne Brede, 26, Bonduel, who faces a felony charge of second-degree recklessly endangering safety and

six related misdemeanors: operating a firearm while intoxicated; endangering safety by use of a dangerous weapon; dognapping; intentionally mistreating animals; and two counts of disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Nov. 3. A final pre-trial conference was scheduled for Oct. 13.

A bench warrant was authorized for Whitney Morgan Helms, 24, Little Chute, after he failed to appear for a sentencing hearing for possession of methamphetamine, in connection with an incident that occurred Dec. 9.

Todd A. Woyak, 53, Little Suamico, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and was bound over on two counts of child abuse intentionally causing harm and misdemeanor disorderly conduct, in connection with an incident that allegedly occurred Feb. 10. Arraignment was scheduled for July 16.

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Oconto Falls ER always open, even in COVID crisis

Hospital staff ready to tackle all medical emergencies

OCONTO FALLS — Heart attacks, strokes, accidents and injuries. These are just a few examples of medical emergencies that can occur at any time, in any place and to anyone – even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

HSHS St. Clare Memorial Hospital in Oconto Falls reminds area residents that it is open and available to provide all types of emergency medical care, 24/7, regardless of the current public health crisis.

A recent report from the American College of Emergency Physicians states some emergency departments across the country are seeing a

reduction in patient volumes, as well as patients delaying seeking medical care for non-COVID-19 related emergencies – potentially due to patients being concerned about contracting COVID-19 during a hospital visit or overwhelming health care workers.

“We urge our community members to never forgo or delay seeking medical care for any type of emergency, even in the midst of a pandemic,” says Dr. Kyle McCarty, emergency medicine physician for HSHS hospitals in Eastern Wisconsin. “We have highly skilled, compassionate providers ready to care for you and protocols in place to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases, including COVID-19.”

Some examples of symptoms/incidents in which a trip to the emergency department or call to 911 would be necessary:

- Difficulty breathing, shortness of breath

- Chest or upper abdominal pain or pressure
- Severe abdominal pain
- Bleeding that will not stop
- Fainting, sudden dizziness, weakness

- Sudden changes in vision
- Sudden confusion
- Injury due to accident, burns or smoke inhalation, near drowning, deep or large wounds or other serious injuries

- Choking
- Difficulty speaking
- Coughing or vomiting blood
- Head or spine injury
- Symptoms of stroke

Stroke is currently the fifth leading cause of death in the United States. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel that carries oxygen and nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot, bursts or ruptures.

Signs and symptoms of stroke can include: sudden numbness or

weakness, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding speech; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance; and sudden severe headache without a known reason.

An easier way to remember stroke signs and symptoms is to think of the phrase/acronym, BE FAST:

- B – Balance difficulty
- E – Eye changes
- F – Face drooping
- A – Arm weakness
- S – Speech slurred
- T – Time to call 911

Studies show patients who arrive in the emergency department within the first three hours of stroke symptoms have better outcomes and less disability than those who delayed care. Always call 911 if a stroke is suspected.

“We urge our community members to never forgo or delay seeking medical care for any type of emergency, even in the midst of a pandemic.”

DR. KYLE MCCARTY, emergency medicine physician for HSHS hospitals in Eastern Wisconsin

St. Anne Parish, Lena, would like to thank all the generous and thoughtful people who have shared their money and other items with the “Feed My Sheep Food Pantry.” Your wonderful gifts have allowed us to continue providing services during these critical times. Thank you for your continued support.

NOTICE TOWN OF SPRUCE

The following individuals have made application for alcoholic beverage licenses for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 from the Town of Spruce which will be acted upon on June 16th at the regular monthly meeting.

Class “B” Beer & Class “B” Liquor:

- Robert E Davis; Walker’s Kraken Shack, 9388 County Rd G, Suring, WI
- Gregory F. Ebben; Blue Spruce Tavern and Hall, 8096 County A West, Lena, WI 54139
- Jo Ann M. Falash; Kelly Lakeside Restaurant, 9363 County Rd G, Suring, WI 54174
- Roman T. Wiegeler; Holiday Inn Resurant, 9660 Hwy G, Suring, WI 54174

Class “A” Beer & Class “A” Liquor:

- James F. Sohr and Debra A. Sohr; Kelly Lake Country Store, LLC., 9407 St. Bernadette Rd, Suring, WI 54174

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2020 Town of Lena Open Book and Board of Review Lena Town Hall, 6087 Goatsville Road

OPEN BOOK

Pursuant to Sec. 70.45 Wis Stats. Town of Lena 2020 Assessment Roll will be open for review Monday, June 22, 2020, 9:00-11:00 AM. R&R Assessing will be present or you may schedule an appointment with them if needed at (920) 846-4250.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review for the Town of Lena will convene on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 PM., at the Lena Town Hall at 6087 Goatsville Road. Anyone wishing to present an objection at the Board of Review should obtain an objection form from the clerk and make an appointment prior to the Board of Review.

Notice is hereby given this 12th day of June 2020.

Lena Town Clerk
Dawn VanArk
(715)281-4672

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**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED 2019-20 BUDGET
OCONTO FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
June 8, 2020**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5) (a), the School Board of Oconto Falls, on June 8, 2020, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2019-20 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

	Budget 10/30/19	Increase/ Decrease	Budget 6/8/20
GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)			
ANTICIPATED REVENUE:			
210 Taxes	\$7,960,667	\$88,123	\$8,048,792
270 School Activity Income	\$44,200	-\$12,352	\$31,848
280 Interest on Investments	\$81,800	-\$27,000	\$54,800
290 Other Revenue, Local Sources	\$40,000	\$30,619	\$70,619
310 Transit of Aids	\$8,000	\$4,506	\$12,506
340 Payments for Services	\$1,015,071	\$42,184	\$1,057,255
510 Transit of Aids	\$10,862	\$757	\$11,619
610 State Aid Categorical	\$237,100	\$14,035	\$251,135
630 Wisconsin Special Project Grants	\$35,900	\$8,122	\$44,022
650 Student Achievement Guarantee in Education	\$385,722	\$1,141	\$386,863
660 Other State Revenue Through Local Units	\$10,000	\$1,773	\$11,773
690 Other Revenue	\$1,341,450	\$932	\$1,342,382
730 Federal Special Project Grants	\$88,750	\$1,500	\$90,250
750 IASA Title I Grants	\$169,728	\$12,080	\$181,808
860 Compensation, Fixed Assets	\$7,500	\$4,536	\$12,036
960 Adjustments	\$28,764	\$384	\$29,158
970 Refund of Disbursement	\$34,000	\$11,500	\$45,500
990 Miscellaneous	\$10,000	\$18,688	\$28,688
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$22,771,562	\$199,538	\$22,971,102

EXPECTED EXPENDITURES			
110 000 Undifferentiated Curriculum	\$4,087,887	\$18,931	\$4,106,818
120 000 Regular Curriculum	\$5,035,125	-\$160,890	\$4,874,235
130 000 Vocational Curriculum	\$565,550	\$6,487	\$572,037
140 000 Physical Curriculum	\$4,800	\$2,738	\$7,538
160 000 Co-Curricular Activities	\$310,810	-\$52,188	\$258,622
170 000 Other Special Needs	\$18,190	-\$2,850	\$15,340
210 000 Pupil Services	\$513,599	\$8,550	\$522,149
220 000 Instructional Staff Services	\$773,540	\$4,146	\$777,686
230 000 General Administration	\$664,085	-\$15,931	\$648,154
240 000 School Building Administration	\$1,100,689	-\$9,304	\$1,091,385
250 000 Business Administration	\$3,699,261	-\$63,360	\$3,635,901
260 000 Central Services	\$116,700	-\$7,798	\$108,902
270 000 Insurance & Judgments	\$168,274	-\$1,295	\$166,979
290 000 Other Support Services	\$837,842	\$90,514	\$928,356
410 000 Interfund Transfers	\$2,759,368	-\$389,767	\$2,369,601
430 000 Instructional Service Payments	\$1,969,805	\$92,326	\$2,062,131
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENDITURES	\$22,771,000	-\$479,690	\$22,291,310
TOTAL ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$1,524,475	\$679,228	\$2,203,703

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (FUND 27)			
ANTICIPATED REVENUE:			
100 Transfers-in	\$2,472,890	-\$103,289	\$2,369,601
347 Open Enrollment Actual Costs	\$4,611	\$12,723	\$17,334
610 State Aid Categorical	\$670,000	\$34,049	\$704,049
730 Federal Special Project Grants	\$468,560	\$496	\$469,056
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENDITURES	\$3,668,450	-\$58,021	\$3,610,429
EXPECTED EXPENDITURES			
150 000 Special Education Curriculum	\$2,506,591	-\$44,985	\$2,461,606
210 000 Pupil Services	\$603,381	\$8,604	\$611,985
220 000 Instructional Staff Services	\$178,658	\$2,514	\$181,172
230 000 General Administration	\$13,000	-\$8,692	\$4,308
250 000 Business Administration	\$88,270	-\$17,000	\$71,270
260 000 Central Services	\$7,000	\$200	\$7,200
430 000 Instructional Service Payments	\$50,000	\$3,338	\$53,338
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	\$3,668,450	-\$58,021	\$3,610,429

DEBT SERVICE FUND (FUNDS 36, 38)			
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$2,485,159	\$0	\$2,485,159
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENDITURES	\$2,485,129	-\$1,510,000	\$985,129
842 000 INDEBTEDNESS, END OF YEAR	\$3,475,669	\$1,510,000	\$4,985,669
PROJECTED ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$125,334	\$1,510,000	\$1,635,334

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (FUNDS 41, 46, 48)			
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$940,978	-\$292,678	\$648,300
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENDITURES	\$705,478	-\$86,478	\$619,000
PROJECTED ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$1,308,189	-\$206,400	\$1,101,789

FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)			
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$780,629	-\$168,300	\$612,329
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENDITURES	\$790,276	-\$81,781	\$708,495
PROJECTED ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$199,980	-\$88,519	\$111,461

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND (FUND 80)			
TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$223,000	\$0	\$223,000
TOTAL EXPECTED EXPENDITURES	\$251,588	-\$48,129	\$203,459
PROJECTED ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$201,952	\$48,129	\$248,081

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
ALL FUNDS			
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	\$31,101,081	-\$2,260,099	\$28,840,982
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	\$2,843,079	-\$286,478	\$2,556,601
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS	\$28,154,713	-\$1,973,621	\$26,264,381
PERCENTAGE INCREASE - NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR	7.97%		0.80%

Oconto County Extension touts its COVID-19 info page

OCONTO — COVID-19 has upended our lives and made many common, mundane events in our lives a fond memory. No one for sure knows what each week will bring, and information is difficult to obtain from trusted resources.

"I get contacted routinely on where reliable resources can be found," said Dale Mohr, the Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development agent within Oconto County. "I direct them to our UW-Madison Extension webpage <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/co->

vid19/ designed around key information on COVID-19, the responses by government and evidence-based informational updates."

The state website can be accessed through the Oconto County Extension's website as well, which holds localized information for Oconto County — <https://oconto.extension.wisc.edu>.

The website has information under categories such as: Businesses, Government and Organizations, which informs people of grants and loans for small businesses and nonprofits; Health and Safety Best

Practices to Reopen During COVID-19, and CARES Relief Grant; also for Families detailing stay-at-home tips for teens and healthy eating; on Agriculture about working with your lender during COVID-19 and milk reduction strategies through diet and nutrition; Health and Wellness with information on food safety; Personal Finances details information on protecting your credit during COVID-19 and offers financial resources during this pandemic; and Youth topic details how to engage the young into activities while at home.

There are other resources out

there as well, to include TXT COVID19 211-211, 211Wisconsin.org and by calling 211.

In addition, Mohr said, people can learn about and track the virus through the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, while federal information can be gained from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

Finally, the Oconto County Health Department has localized information and the Oconto County strategy for dealing with the COVID-19 virus, Mohr said.



GILLETT FFA CELEBRATES JUNE DAIRY MONTH

The Gillett FFA celebrated June Dairy Month by providing fresh cheese curds for the Gillett School District meal program. About 85 pounds of fresh Spring-side Cheese cheese curds were packaged in 3.5-ounce servings for each student. This donation was made possible by the Thrivent Action Grant and Spring-side Cheese. Gillett School District food service employees packing the fresh curds are, from left, Donna Prange, Janalee Jenerou, Julie Pospichal, Kristie Feffer, Joan Gruel and Maureen Wollin.

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Oconto Elective Cooperative announces scholarship recipients

OCONTO FALLS — Oconto Electric Cooperative has announced the award of 13 \$2,500 scholarships to area students whose parents or guardians are members of OEC. Scholarship money comes from unclaimed capital credits. Recipients are selected by a committee of seven cooperative members who are not employees or directors of OEC.

The scholarship recipients are Brooklyn Bishop, daughter of Jeff and Sheri Bishop, a graduate of Pulaski

High School; Ethan Hischke, son of Dan and Erin Hischke, Suring High School; Caitlyn Krejcarek, daughter of Doug and Correna Krejcarek, Oconto Falls High School; Lyndsey Luebke, daughter of Paul and Kristine Luebke, Oconto Falls High School; Lauren Osterberg, daughter of Brian and Leah Osterberg, Coleman High School; Jarod Parsons, son of Ron and Patti Parsons, Oconto Falls High School; Megan Seefeldt, daughter of Ken and Lisa Seefeldt,

Coleman High School; Seth Seefeldt, son of Shane Seefeldt, Coleman High School; Lilia Shallow, daughter of Jason and Kari Shallow, Lena High School; Joseph Walters, son of Ryan and Lisa Walters, Oconto Falls High School; Olivia Waschbisch, daughter of Sue Waschbisch, Oconto Falls High School; Janelle Wolford, daughter of Jeffrey and Jackilyn Wolford, Oconto Falls High School; Travis Zielinski, son of Anthony and Jean Zielinski, Oconto Falls High School.

AREA BRIEFS — ADRC, Alzheimer's group offer programs

OCONTO FALLS — The Wolf River Aging & Disabilities Resource Center and Alzheimer's Association continue their series of educational programs this month with "Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body: Tips from the Latest Research."

Participants will learn the latest research on diet, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement and how to incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

The monthly series is being temporarily offered via webinar during the COVID-19 pandemic. Sessions are being offered 3-4 p.m. June 12 or 1-2:30 p.m. June 24. For information or registration, call 1-800-272-3900, or register online at <https://bit.ly/hl0622> for June 12 or <https://bit.ly/hbbb624> for June 24.

Oconto Falls Chamber resumes meetings

OCONTO FALLS — This week, the Oconto Falls Area Chamber of Commerce plans to hold its first monthly membership meeting since February.

Chamber members are invited to the Senior & Community Center, 512 Caldwell Ave., Oconto Falls, from 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, June 18. The Center and Home Respite will provide a light breakfast.

Social distancing is planned to accommodate COVID-19 concerns. Members should RSVP by Monday at 920-846-8306 or ocontofallschamber@gmail.com.

Have a news tip? Email us at
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Oconto Falls library remains closed for now

By JOAN DENIS

The Oconto Falls Community Library closed March 17, anticipating shutdown for two weeks. Many of you know that we are part of a large consortium of libraries across eight counties, from Appleton to Florence, Shawano to Washington Island. This involves more than 50 libraries, large and small, across northeast Wisconsin. As we all know, the hiatus lasted more than two weeks for all of us.

During the shutdown, staff continued to work from home or at the library. Returns from patrons were quarantined and checked back in. Due dates were extended until the end of May until people could be more mobile. All fines were and will continue to be waived. For the library, everything was shut down. We were not getting any materials from other libraries, because InfoSoup was also shut down. With no end in sight, we could not have patrons ordering things that would create a huge backup when libraries began to open up.

On April 29, we were able to start curbside pickup at Oconto Falls Library. People call or email, arrange for a pickup and come to the library with limited contact of staff. But they could only get materials that were in the library at the time of shutdown.

We are now starting to see limited movement of materials between libraries. This is all part of the backlog of materials that were checked out prior to closing. We are getting one van shipment a week with materials being returned to owning libraries.

On Monday, email and text mes-

sages started going out to remind people to return the items they currently have checked out. Items can be returned through the dropbox or on Tuesday and Friday mornings when we have curbside pickup.

We are hoping that by mid-June, patrons can start placing holds in InfoSoup and that we will be getting additional shipments between libraries.

So why are some libraries open and others are not? In Oconto County we are municipal libraries. In other words, we are a department of our municipality, Oconto Falls. The library has its own library board as governance and makes the decisions regarding the opening.

We met June 1 and discussed possible reopening. It was decided at that time that we were not ready to open yet. We were waiting for a key report from the Department of Public Instruction for Reopening Guidelines (just released), as well as a report from the Batele Labs on the virus living on surfaces and inside books (delayed).

We will meet again on June 29 to discuss opening. Library board members are Larry Kindel, Judy Kostreva, Tracey Merges, Sue Gonnering, Sue Mogged (non-resident representative), Dean Hess (school representative) and Marty Coopman (City Council representative). This board volunteers their time to oversee the library. This is a difficult time, and we must ensure the safety and wellness of our patrons and staff.

Joan Denis is director of the Oconto Falls Community Library.



The unmistakable yellow and black of the goldfinch is a familiar sight at bird feeders this time of year. CATHY CARNES

Spring brings the birds

By CATHY CARNES

Like most, I suspect, we grow restless staying “safer at home” as we ride out the coronavirus, doing our part to slow its spread. We continue to take relief in watching our backyard birds and going on walks to look for more birds.

Our bird feeders, mostly filled with sunflower seeds, attract northern cardinals, black-capped chickadees, blue jays, mourning doves, finches, dark-eyed juncos and, more recently, American goldfinches – yellow balls of sunshine that flit energetically from feeder to feeder. The hairy woodpecker, starlings and grackles peck away at the suet, while the robin, stationed under the suet feeder, picks up the spoils – fallen bits of suet dislodged by those with the longer stronger beaks.

I put out the wormy raspberries and mulberries I froze last year for the robins, thinking of helping them through snowy or especially cold days; someone is eating them. The hummingbird feeder went up yesterday, and a tasty orange half awaits the Baltimore oriole.

On days when we feel more restless, we head out to the Oconto Marsh and Oconto Harbor where we are always rewarded with interesting bird sightings. This year for the first time I saw ring-billed ducks at the marsh, sharing their “pond” with hooded mergansers and buffleheads. The red-winged blackbirds are always there, announcing their presence and defending their territories with their loud “conk-la-ree” calls.

We watched a northern harrier soar intently over the marsh one morning, no doubt looking for a meal. Canada geese, mallards, blue-winged

teal and other ducks fly over, seemingly in a hurry to make their destinations. We frequently hear the rusty pump call of the American bittern, but rarely see this elusive bird.

A formation of three American white pelicans flew silently overhead one evening as we were leaving the marsh – a magical moment. They sported their yellow breeding plate (or bump) – a strange and prominent protrusion on their bills.

And the beauty, size and elegance of the sandhill cranes as they soar above, and then glide gracefully down into the marsh is always awe inspiring. Their loud rattling calls invoke their prehistoric origins. Like the lake sturgeon, they have graced our world for eons and with our continued help will hopefully endure through the ages.

At the Oconto Harbor, we’ve seen common loons, gulls, cormorants, scaup, also called bluebills (look closely and you will see that lovely blue), three species of mergansers (common, hooded and red-breasted), Caspian terns with their large blood red bill, and one of my favorites, the horned grebe – a lively little diving duck. And if you look across the Oconto River from the marina, you will see a bald eagle’s nest, at times with eagles either sitting on the nest or in a nearby tree.

Now is a great time to look for birds, as migrants continue returning from points south. Their energetic flight patterns, colors, calls and behaviors liven up our world. Channel that restlessness. All it takes to enjoy our birds is to put up a feeder or step outside – and maybe head out for a walk.

Cathy Carnes of Oconto is a retired U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service biologist who volunteers with Bird City Oconto.

USDA offers help to farmers hit by COVID-19 impacts

MADISON — Agricultural producers can now apply for USDA’s Coronavirus Food Assistance Program, which provides direct payments to offset impacts from the coronavirus pandemic.

The application and a payment calculator are now available online, and USDA’s Farm Service Agency staff members are available via phone, fax and online tools to help producers complete applications.

Applications will be accepted through Aug. 28. Through CFAP, USDA is making available \$16 billion

for vital financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a 5%-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

“We also want to remind producers that the program is structured to ensure the availability of funding for all eligible producers who apply,” said Sandy Chalmers, FSA state executive director.

YEARS GONE BY

110 years ago • June 9, 1910 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO: Assemblyman John Grosse, to whom H.H. Behm referred in his statements before the county board last week, as having advised him to pursue the course he did in regard to receipting for taxes while county treasurer, declares that there is no truth in Behm's statements.

OCONTO FALLS: H.W. Gilkey has been appointed special police by the village president in order to secure a more rigid enforcement of the village ordinances.

100 years ago • June 11, 1920 • Farmer Herald

KELLY LAKE: On Tuesday evening last, a large crowd was present at the opening of Community Park on the south shore of the beautiful Kelly Lake. The central attraction dance, conducted till the dance hall, and for which music was rendered by the orchestra of this city.

OCONTO FALLS: Mrs. Wm. Campbell and Mrs. Robert Campbell went to the Culless hospital at Green Ray on Monday where surgical operations were subsequently performed on each lady.

Both of whom, we are pleased to say, are recovering.

90 years ago • June 12, 1930 • Gillett Times

GILLETT: Mrs. Charles Krause, a Gold Star mother, left Tuesday, June 10, for New York, from which point she will join a pilgrimage which sails for France on the SS President Harding on June 14. She will visit the grave of her son, John F. Krause, a member of Co. M 127 Infantry, who was killed in action and lies buried in the Argonne Cemetery.

OCONTO COUNTY: Beautiful Wisconsin offers hundreds of ideal roads for traveling and playground sports for summer vacationists. Wherever you travel in the Badger State, whether the trip is planned for a day, a weekend, or a long vacation period, a variety of gorgeous scenery will reward your journey.

90 years ago • June 12, 1930 • Oconto Falls Herald

GREEN VALLEY: The farm house occupied by Mrs. Henschal burned to the ground Thursday morning.

COLEMAN: The new warehouse of the Coleman Oil Company on Railroad Street

is near completion. A garage will also be built to house several tank wagons.

80 years ago • June 13, 1940 • Oconto Falls Herald

LENA: Lorraine Renier and Ernest Alsteen were married at a nuptial high Mass at St. John's Catholic Church Coleman.

LENA: Miss Winifred Hall presented her students a music recital Thursday evening at the Lena High School gymnasium.

70 years ago • June 8, 1950 • Oconto Falls Herald

OCONTO FALLS: Grace Lutheran Church was the setting for the nuptials of Donna Mae Rassmussen and Clarence Fabry.

DEGANTOWN: The son of Mr. and Mrs. Orland Severson was baptized at Bethel Lutheran Church.

LENA: Otto Schmidt, 48, former manager of the Lena branch of the Suring State Bank, was sentenced for one year and a day following conviction in federal district court on embezzlement charges.

60 years ago • June 11, 1960 • Times Herald

GILLETT: Gillett Postmaster Harold Klebenow, 45, was fatally injured on Highway 64, northwest of Mountain, when he lost control of his vehicle.

OCONTO FALLS: Dedication of the new Grace Lutheran Church is set for June 12.

GILLETT: The Veterans of Foreign Wars awarded Rhoda Westphal and Niel Kasten each \$50 to defray expenses at the summer music school held at Madison.

50 years ago • June 11, 1970 • Times Herald

SURING: Installation services for the Rev. Roy Rinhard were held at Mount Olive Lutheran Church and Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

MORGAN: James Kruse finished his time in Vietnam and Cambodia and arrived home for a 30-day leave.

40 years ago • June 11, 1980 • Times Herald

MOUNTAIN: The heavy rain caused a logging truck carrying a load of wood to shift its load and pulled the rig off the road.

MOUNTAIN: A patient was brought to the ambulance building with a fish hook deeply embedded between his eyes. The responders were able to remove it without transport.

LENA: John E. Magnin, 81, passed away. He served as the president of Oconto Electric from 1937 to 1975.

30 years ago • June 13, 1990 • Times Herald

LENA: Oliver Shallow Sr., 89, passed away. He was a farmer in the town of

Little River and became a very successful auctioneer. He held many positions of leadership in agriculture and in county school activities.

MOUNTAIN: Howard and Bernice Eslien celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto County welcomed Dr. Paul J. Yatso back as sole proprietor of Hometown Veterinary Clinic.

25 years ago • June 14, 1995 • Times Herald

OCONTO FALLS: The police department broke a theft ring, solving at least nine burglaries and thefts. One adult and four juveniles have been arrested.

OCONTO FALLS: The Community Bank of Oconto County continues to grow in relationship to other Wisconsin banks. In its five years of existence, bank has grown from last to a rank size with the upper two-thirds of all Wisconsin banks.

GILLETT: The Sleepy Hollow Motel, formerly owned by Noel and Lois Medley, is now managed by new owners William and Debra Pecha.

20 years ago • June 14, 2000 • Times Herald

MADISON: Russel Brock, Oconto County farmer and county land conservation committee member, has been chosen to head the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board, the connection between local and state governments on conservation and farmland preservation issues.

GILLETT: Julie A. Meunier has been named store manager for the Norwest Banks in Oconto County.

10 years ago • June 9, 2010 • Times Herald

ABRAMS: After 39 years as a kindergarten teacher at Abrams Elementary School, Mrs. Susy Pagel is retiring. For 29 years, she was the only kindergarten teacher for 5-year-olds of southern Oconto County.

OCONTO FALLS: The Oconto Falls School District five-year Memorial Field agreement with the city can be terminated after three years with one year's notice. Cost to the district is \$15,000 in the first three years of the lease and \$17,500 in years four and five.

OCONTO FALLS: Oconto Falls veteran Vic Bast, 87, traveled with 99 other veterans through the Old Glory Honor Flight program to Washington, D.C., visiting the Korean and Vietnam memorials, Iwo Jima Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and the World War II Memorial over the Memorial Day weekend.

Compiled by Oconto Falls Community Library staff.

PUBLIC NOTICE-TOWN OF MORGAN

Hilltop Bar, located in the Town of Morgan at 2514 County Rd C Sampson, applied for renewal of following license: (July 1, 2020 thru June 30, 2021) Class "B" Retail License (Beer and Liquor) Submitted: Julie Belongia, Town Clerk , May 15, 2020.



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OPINION: YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

Keeping an eye on government from home

In March, as Wisconsin enacted Safer at Home, state and local governments scrambled to build new ways to govern from remote locations while still complying with our open meeting laws. Even in the age

of COVID-19, we still have the right to watch public bodies in action.



JOHN FOUST

In a positive step for government transparency, people all across Wisconsin can now watch the live-streamed workings of gov-

ernment on our phones, tablets and computers.

The statutes say a meeting should be “reasonably accessible to members of the public.” To achieve this end, most public bodies switched to video conferencing systems such as Zoom and GoToMeeting. Many con-

ferencing systems offer a telephone option, too. And some meetings can still be viewed from open rooms in public buildings, with the proceedings projected on screens the public could see.

In fact, dozens of Wisconsin courtrooms are now live-streaming their proceedings. Instead of meeting in a courtroom, the judge, the attorneys and the accused interact on a Zoom screen. The video is mirrored to YouTube Live for the public to watch as it happens.

In Dane County, a bailiff wheels a cart with a webcam from cell to cell, with the safely masked inmates participating in bail hearings by peeking through the tiny food port of their jail cells.

Another positive example is the Rock County Board of Supervisors, a body that until now has never made the effort to record its meetings for the public. To improve transparency for the last two years, supervisor Yuri Rashkin used his iPhone to broadcast county board

meetings on Facebook Live. Now the meetings are held online and saved on YouTube. The local community access station, JATV, can then download that video and play it on cable.

While these changes improve transparency, I’m disappointed by the School District of Jefferson, where I pay taxes, which now broadcasts its meetings live but does not archive them.

The school district uses the same system as the courts. YouTube Live automatically saves a recording of the Zoom video. When the live-stream ends, the administrator can choose to save it privately, release it to the public or delete it forever.

The Jefferson school district chooses to delete it. Members of the public can see it only if they watch in real time.

When I asked why, I was told by Mark Rollefson, the district superintendent, that there is no district policy requiring retention and that drafting one would cause a “signifi-

cant increase in hours of work for our leadership team.”

But why not leave it on YouTube? The district makes multiple Facebook posts each day to present a positive view of its schools, but it doesn’t want me to watch a school board meeting after it happens?

The courts have also decided to delete their recordings, citing Supreme Court rules that define which records are the official transcript of a court session. That’s also problematic.

If a video recording is made of an open meeting, it should be made public. I hope and expect that these deletions will be challenged.

After all, watching public bodies in action is the best way to see that our elected and appointed officials are honest, hard-working and dedicated to their task — or not.

Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. John Foust is a council member and a computer consultant in Jefferson.

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SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Young named Gillett boys basketball head coach

Long steps down after 2 years

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

GILLETT — Gillett Secondary School recently announced the hiring of Russ Young as the new varsity boys basketball head coach.

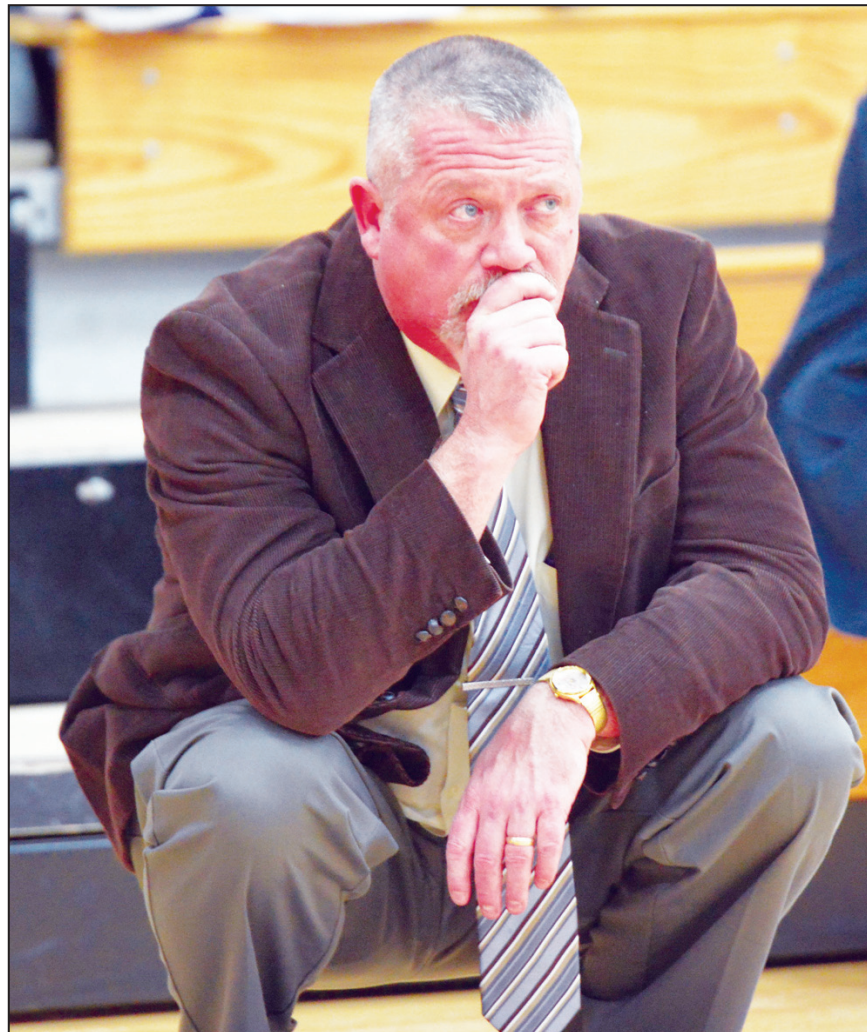
Young replaces Russ Long, who was the varsity coach the past two seasons.

Young has been a coach since 1988, guiding basketball, track and field, golf and football teams ranging from middle school through the varsity high school level. He was the varsity girls coach at Oconto High School from 1990-2019 before spending last year as the JV2 coach for the Gillett girls.

The upcoming school year will mark Young's 32nd and final year of teaching for the Oconto Unified School District, but he wasn't ready to give up coaching yet.

"I have always enjoyed teaching the game, and this position will give me the opportunity to be involved in the youth program as well as the varsity end of things," Young said. "There is a sense of self satisfaction watching athletes grow and evolve, so I plan to be as involved with the youth program as I can."

Young enjoys the life lessons that sports offer up to student-athletes and being able to impact those individuals to help them achieve "more than they think is possible."



Russ Young was named the new head coach for the Gillett boys basketball team. Young coached the Oconto High School girls basketball team from 1990 to 2019.

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Young's coaching philosophies aren't set in stone, instead adapting to best utilize the talent of the athletes on the roster.

"I believe in a strong commit-

ment to defense, and I believe the talent level in Gillett will allow us to play solid man-to-man defense," said Young. "We will emphasize ball pressure and an up-tempo defensive pace.

"With regards to offense, we will emphasize the fundamentals of the game."

Long cited his coaching style as why he stepped down.

"I decided to resign because my style of coaching doesn't seem to be effective anymore," said Long. "I expected the guys to react the same way that my sons (Clint and Cole) reacted when I coached them, and that wasn't the case. Things have changed a lot from when I played the game, and even from when my oldest son (Cole) played. So I figured it's time for someone else to give it try, and I hope they get better results."

Long leaves the job with plenty of memories to look back on, many of which involved the players he coached. One of his proudest moments came when Cole earned first team all-conference honors as a senior after returning from a back injury as a junior: "He worked very hard, and it was well deserved."

Long felt he had strong relationships with the players and made decisions that were in the best interests of the team and program.

He urged basketball players to continue working on their game during the offseason, saying that's when a team can go from average to great. "Everyone wants to win, but very few want to put the effort in to become winners."

Long also wished Young luck as he took over the program and hopes he can turn the program around.

Gillett went 10-14 during the most recent season.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

WFCFA All-Star Games are canceled

By **NEW MEDIA STAFF**

The Wisconsin Football Coaches Association canceled the 2020 All-Star Games because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The announcement was made Wednesday on the WFCFA webpage (<https://www.wifca.org/>).

"We realize that this is disappointing to the players, parents, coaches and fans of the games, but the current situation without the use of college campuses makes it logistically impos-

sible to hold the All-Star Games this year," the WFCFA Executive Board said in a statement.

Shawano's Brayden Dickelman, Gillett's Logan Block and Suring's Logan Stuart and Chad McVeigh were named to the all-star rosters.

The Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, which partners with the WFCFA, will contact players about receiving their all-star jerseys, incentive wear and game programs.



Suring's Logan Stuart runs with the football during a 2019 playoff game against Gibraltar in Suring. Stuart and teammate Chad McVeigh, plus Gillett's Logan Block and Shawano's Brayden Dickelman were picked to play in the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star Game, but it was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic.

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Case No. 2020-FR-13

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DOB March 08, 2020

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3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 14, 2020.
5. A claim may be filed at the Oconto County Courthouse, Oconto, Wisconsin, Room 301 Washington Street, Oconto, WI 54153.
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Oconto, WI 54801
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Plaintiff

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Patrons are invited to enjoy food and fellowship while supporting the roof project at the Suring Area Historical Museum.

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